

Disaster Recovery Center in Manatee County Closing

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LAKE MARY, Fla. – The disaster recovery center in Manatee County at the Rubonia Community Center, 1309 72nd St. E in Palmetto will be closing permanently at 6 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 20.

Disaster Recovery Centers provide disaster survivors with information from Florida state agencies, FEMA and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Survivors can get help applying for federal assistance and disaster loans, update applications and learn about other resources available. The deadline to apply for assistance is Nov. 29.

There are several centers still open in the area impacted by Hurricane Idalia. Residents are welcome to visit any open center, you don't have to reside in that county. To find a center close to you, go online to: [DRC Locator](#) or [floridadisaster.org](#), or you can text DRC along with your Zip Code to 43362.

It is not necessary to visit a center. Survivors can apply or get other assistance by calling 800-621-3362, going online at [disasterassistance.gov](#), or using the [FEMA mobile app](#). The line is open every day from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. ET. Help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. To view an accessible video about how to apply visit: [Three Ways to Register for FEMA Disaster Assistance - YouTube](#).

For the latest information on Florida's recovery from Hurricane Idalia, visit [floridadisaster.org/updates/](#) and [fema.gov/disaster/4734](#). Follow FEMA on X, formerly known as Twitter, at [twitter.com/femaregion4](#) and at [facebook.com/fema](#).



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